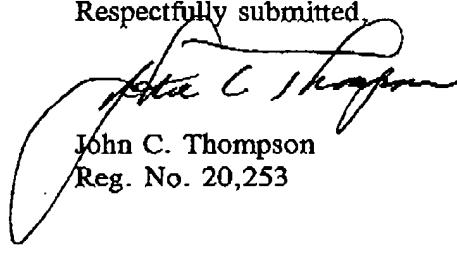


Remarks/arguments:

By the present amendment claim 1 has been amended to improve its form. In addition, claims 1 and 20 have been amended to eliminate the phrase which indicates that a firing is not required. Thus it was the examiner's position that the claims "... contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.", the examiner continuing to object to phrases which indicate there is no firing. It is the examiner's position that there is no support for this. It was previously pointed out that there is nothing in the text of this application which indicates that there is a firing. In addition, applicant has stated that his process eliminates a time consuming firing. As the examiner has disagreed with applicant, reading into the text of the application that a firing may be required, the recitation that there is no firing has been cancelled from the claims. In that all of the claims of this application are deemed to be in proper form, the allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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